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In re Application of:)
Katsutoshi NONAKA et al.) Confirmation No.: 1832
Application No.: 10/586,327) Group Art Unit: 2873
Filed: July 14, 2006) Examiner: Unassigned

For: CURVED SURFACE SHAPE
INSPECTION METHOD, FIBER OPTICAL
BLOCK, AND CURVED SURFACE SHAPE
INSPECTION DEVICE

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Sir:

**SUBMISSION OF INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY
EXAMINATION REPORT**

Applicants bring to the attention of the Examiner the attached document.

Attached is an English-language translation of an International Preliminary Examination Report ("IPER"), including PCT/IB/373 and English translation of PCT/ISA/237, dated August 31, 2006 that issued in a related PCT/JP2004/019537 application. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the IPER as it relates to the above-identified application.

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Applicants further reserve the right to take appropriate action to establish the patentability of the disclosed invention over the listed documents, should one or more of the documents be applied against the claims of the present application.

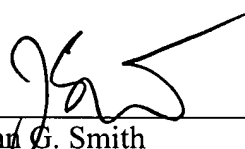
EXCEPT for issue fees payable under 37 C.F.R. § 1.18, the Commissioner is hereby authorized by this paper to charge any additional fees during the entire pendency of this application including fees due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 and 1.17 which may be required, including any required extension of time fees, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0573. This paragraph is intended to be a **CONSTRUCTIVE PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME** in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)(3).

Respectfully submitted,

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